

(c) the necessary steps being taken by Government to implement the above material at all airport; and

(d) the estimated cost likely to be incurred on the above ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes. Sir. It has been decided to take immediate action for induction of additional security technologies for upgrading the security at the airports. These are, deployment of online X-ray baggage screening system at all the airports in a phased manner starting with the international airports, to install/improve coverage of CCTV at all the airports beginning with hyper sensitive airports, installation of Biometric system commencing with hyper sensitive airports, installation of Perimeter intrusion security system at all hyper sensitive airports to start with Mumbai, Kolkata, Delhi, Chennai, Bangalore and Hyderabad airports, installation of explosive detection system commencing with all hyper sensitive airports.

(c) Concerned agencies have been directed to upgrade the security systems at the airports as desired at (b).

(d) Upgradation of security system at the airports will be implemented in a phased manner as such at this stage it is not possible to estimate the cost of upgradation.

City side development of Non-Metro Airports

2888. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that plans to commercially exploit and develop the city side area at 35 non-metro airports through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) have hit a road block as the Ministry has discovered that not enough land is available at around 15 of these airports;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as a result only 20 of these airports are likely to be put up for bids for cityside developments ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) It has been decided that the Civil Enclaves at Defence airfields as well as airports located in remote areas will be developed by Airports Authority of India (AAI). Eight of the 35 Non-Metro airports come under

this category. The city side development of the remaining Non-Metro airports will be done under PPP.

Tout menace at Delhi Airport

2889. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the menace of touts and incidents of theft are on the increase at the international airport in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial action Government propose to take to control the situation in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) As per the available information, the tout cases are on decline whereas theft cases have increased during the last two years. A total number of 435 & 306 respectively. The theft cases during these two years were 59 & 122 respectively.

(c) Regular efforts are made to improve surveillance at the airport to curb all kinds of undesirable activities.

New Airports in Private Sector

†2890. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up new airports in private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any proposal is pending from the State Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Government has approved proposals for setting up of greenfield airports at Hyderabad and Bangalore in Private Public Partnership (PPP).

(c) A proposal from Government of Maharashtra to set up a greenfield airport at Navi Mumbai near Panvel consideration of the Government. For setting up a greenfield airport at Mopa (Goa), 'in-principle' approval has been given.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.